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	Examiner		Art Unit	
	David J. Makiya		2875	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-9 and 19-21 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-8 and 19-21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9 and 11-18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 May 2006 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to show a label for Figure 11 as described in the specification. Any structural detail that is essential for a proper understanding of the disclosed invention should be shown in the drawing. MPEP § 608.02(d). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

Claim 9 is objected to because of the following informalities: “engagement *is* one of said slots” is interpreted as “engagement *in* one of said slots” and “fixture *an* attachment member” is interpreted as “fixture *and* attachment member.” Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-8, and 19-21 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claim 1, the pertinent prior art fails to teach or suggest a lighting system for use with a slatwall system comprising an adaptor for engagement in a slatwall system having at least one elongated slot; an elongated track affixed to the adaptor; at least one conductor running laterally along the length of the elongated track; at least one lighting fixture; and an attachment member on each of the at least one light fixture for engagement with the elongated track.

With respect to claim 19, the pertinent prior art fails to teach or suggest a method for installing lighting fixtures comprised of selecting a room surface with one of more slots; attaching an adaptor having an elongated track affixed thereto into one of the slots; providing power to a set of conductors attached to the elongated track; and attaching a lighting fixture onto the elongated track.

Claims 9 and 11-18 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) set forth in this Office action.

With respect to claim 9, the pertinent prior art fails to teach or suggest a lighting system for a slatwall comprising a slatwall surface having one or more slots; an adaptor for engagement in one of the slots; an elongated track affixed to the adaptor; at least one conductor running laterally along the length of the elongated track; and at least one light fixture and attachment member on each of the at least one light fixture for engagement with the elongated track.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed 5/17/2006, with respect to claims 1, 3-9, and 11-21 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of the claims has been withdrawn.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Distasio (US Patent 4,814,953) and Thayer et al. (US Patent 4,822,292) teaches a track lighting system with adaptors and elongated tracks, but fail to teach slatwalls or walls with slots. Branham, Sr. et al. (US patent 5,142,832) and Portner (US Patent 6199705) teach slatwall systems with lamps attached.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the objections detailed above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David J. Makiya whose telephone number is (571) 272-2273. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm (ET).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Anthony Ward', with a stylized, cursive script.

**JOHN ANTHONY WARD
PRIMARY EXAMINER**